

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



March 15, 1988

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-15-88

To: All County Welfare Departments
All Public and Private Adoptions Agencies
All SDSS Adoptions District Offices

SUBJECT: ADOPTIONS MANAGEMENT APPOINTMENTS;
CLARIFICATION REGARDING ADOPTIONS-RELATED INQUIRIES

The purpose of this notice is to announce the appointments of:

Mr. Ritch Hemstreet, Chief of the Adoptions Policy Bureau

Mr. Francisco Sanchez, Chief of the Recruitment and Community Services Bureau

Mr. Ray Leber, Chief of the Adoptions Services Bureau

Additionally this notice provides clarification regarding requests for adoption-related information.

As stated in All County Information Notice No. I-82-87, adoption agencies are no longer assigned an individual adoption consultant. Instead, policy consultants are available on a rotational basis to respond to telephone inquiries. It is hoped that affording direct contact between agencies and Department staff responsible for development and maintenance of adoptions program policy will provide a closer connection between policy making and the application of that policy. Requests that are complex or of a sensitive nature must be submitted in writing.

When requesting information, please ensure that questions are directed to the appropriate bureau as outlined below:

- * Questions regarding specific adoptions policy issues such as the interpretation of regulations, issues regarding the Adoptions Assistance Program or the Private Adoption Agency Reimbursement Program should be addressed to:

Mr. Ritch Hemstreet, Chief
Adoptions Policy Bureau
744 P Street, M.S. 19-67
Sacramento, CA 95814
Telephone: (916) 322-4228 or ATSS 492-4228

- * Requests for general adoption information such as how to adopt a child, requests for brochures, addresses of specific adoption agencies or what types of children are available for adoption including the Photolisting service and the California's Waiting Children television program should be addressed to:

Mr. Francisco Sanchez, Chief
Recruitment and Community Services Bureau
744 P Street, M.S. 19-68
Sacramento, CA 95814
Telephone: (916) 322-5973 or ATSS 492-5973

- * Requests for background information, case record information or the status of forms being processed by the Branch should be directed to:

Mr. Ray Leber, Chief
Adoptions Services Bureau
744 P Street, M.S. 19-31
Sacramento, CA 95814
Telephone: (916) 322-3778 or ATSS 492-3778

Should you have questions please contact Mr. James Brown, Chief, Adoptions Branch at (916) 445-3146 or ATSS 485-3146.



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